Appendix 4 – Tolerance Table

	Adjustment to felling coupe boundaries	Timing of restocking	Change to species	Wind throw or environmental response	Adjustment to road lines
Scottish Forestry approval not normally required *(record & notify SF)*	Upto 10% of coupe size	Upto 5 planting seasons after felling (allowing fallow periods for *Hylobius*).	Change within native species group (*e.g. Scots pinewood to upland birchwood*); within non-native conifers (*e.g. Sitka spruce to Douglas fir*), and non-native to native species *(allowing for changes to facilitate Ancient Woodland policy).*		Departures of upto 60 m from the centre of the roadline.
Approval by exchange of letters and map	10 to 15% of coupe size	Over 5 years	Change of coupe objective likely to be consistent with current policy (*e.g. from productive woodland to open ground, open ground to native tree species*).	Upto 5 ha.	Departures of greater than 60 m from the centre of the planned roadline.
Approval by formal plan amendment	Greater than 15% of coupe size		Major change of objective likely to be contrary to policy (*e.g. native to non-native tree species, open ground to non-native species woodland*).	More than 5 ha.	As above, depending on sensitivity.

Other Tree Felling in Exceptional Circumstances

FLS will normally seek to map and identify all planned tree felling in advance, through the LTP process. However there are some circumstances requiring small scale tree felling where this may not be possible and where it may be impractical to apply for a separate felling permission due to the risks or impacts of delaying the felling.

Felling permission is therefore sought for the LTP approval period to cover the following circumstances:

- Individual tree, rows of trees or small groups of trees that are impacting on important infrastructure (as defined below*), either because they are encroaching on or have been de-stabilised or made unsafe by wind, physical damage, or impeded drainage. * Infrastructure includes forest roads, footpaths, access (vehicle, cycle, horse, walking) routes, buildings, utilities and services and drains.

The maximum volume of felling in exceptional circumstances covered by this approval is 75 cubic metres per Land Management Plan per calendar year.

A record of the volume felled in this way will be maintained and will be considered during the five year Land Management Plan review.

A maximum 5-year fallow period between felling and any prescribed restocking is adopted across the LMP area to allow a natural reduction in Hylobius populations. Population monitoring will be carried out prior to restocking in order to ascertain population levels as a means of reducing the use of insecticide applications during subsequent restocking and establishment phase. Given the drive to minimise the use of pesticides on FLS landholdings, delaying restocking operations is currently considered to be the most appropriate option to successfully establishing the next generation of trees. Where and when this is a preferred option - outside tolerance limits agreed with Scottish Forestry – prior approval will be sought to address any adjacency issues resulting from proposed delayed restocking.